

South Dakota Brand Board
Meeting Minutes
January 12, 2022

The South Dakota Brand Board met on January 12, 2022, in Rapid City, SD. Members present in person were Scott Vance, Myron Williams, Lyle Spring, and David Paul. Dave Koupal was present via remote access. Brand Board staff and others present in person or via remote access were Debbie Trapp, Cody Ramsey, Shorty Zilverberg, and Bob Haivala. The meeting was available via Zoom.

Pres. Vance called the meeting to order.

Motion by Spring to adopt agenda, second by Williams. Motion carried.

Motion by Spring to approve minutes of the November 18, 2021, meeting, second by Paul. Motion carried.

Trapp presented financial information as of December 31, 2021. Fund Balance - Brand Fund \$1,995,322.60; Brand Inspection Fund \$705,107.43; Theft and Prevention Fund \$275,184.81. Motion by Koupal to approve Financial Report as presented, second by Williams. Motion carried.

Zilverberg provided the following Brand Enforcement/Investigator statistics for 11/18/21 to 12/31/21: New Cases –4, Active Cases – 21, Cases Closed - 3, Cases submitted to States Attorneys –3, Informational Reports – 13, Missing Livestock Reports: Cattle – 158 head, Found – 54 head of cattle.

Ramsey presented the Brand Inspection Report for December 2021: Livestock Markets – 225,489 head, Locker Plants 698 head, Locals – 90,882 head, Lifetime Horse Permits – 62 head, for a total of 317,131 head. FY 22 Year to Date is #2 in comparison with the last seven years.

Trapp gave the Director's Report: Thank you to Dave Calhoon for his 45 years of service as a local brand inspector; Notices of the May 1, 2022 Brand Re-Record deadline will be mailed out this week; Brand Inspection Chief Ramsey and myself will be working with Walt Brindley at the Truck Defender Horse Sale – check in is January 27 - Sale dates January 28 & 29, 2022; Part-time brand inspector Ray Clements moved from Newell to Philp: Brand Applications received in December 2021 = 50; Abandoned Brands will be made available to the public in late summer 2022.

Motion by Williams to enter executive session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2 (1 & 3) personnel and legal at 10:47 a.m., second by Vance. Motion carried. Came out at 12:07 p.m.

Salary Policy: Director Trap reported that a committee had met to discuss the current salary policy for part-time/local inspectors. Committee to schedule another meeting.

Brand Conflicts: Discussed what is considered a super-imposed brand as super-imposed brands can no longer be registered according to policy.

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Discussed 2022 Legislative Session.

Open Comment: None

Next Regular meeting is set for March 9, 2022, in Rapid City at 10:00 am MT.

As no other business came before the board, Pres. Vance declared the meeting adjourned.

Scott Vance, President

Debbie Trapp, Executive Director

These minutes were filed for the record on _____.